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1. I MET PRIVATELY THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE TURKISH, GERMAN, BRITISH NATO AMBASSADORS, AS WELL AS ADMIRAL HILL-NORTON, AT THE REQUEST OF DEPUTY SYG PANSA IN HIS OFFICE. VAN CAMPEN WAS ALSO PRESENT. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS IS AWAY ON VACATION, AND WILL PROBABLY REMAIN ABSENT THE REST OF THIS WEEK. THE NAC MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

2. THE BRITISH, GERMAN AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS ALL EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THERE HAD BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE JANUARY 9 PRIVATE MEETING IN LUNS OFFICE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE DATES FOR WINTEX 75. THEY WERE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO STATE THEIR PREFERENCE FOR THE ORIGINAL DATES OF MARCH 9-10 FOR ACTIVE DPC PLAY. I EXPRESSED A SIMILAR POINT OF VIEW ON BEHALF OF OUR AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE FOUND IT INPRACTICAL TO CHANGE THE DATES, AND GAVE REASONS THEREFOR. I DID NOT MENTION A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE. AFTER
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A CONSIDERABLE DICSUSSION IT WAS AGREED THAT THOSE PRESENT PROPOSE (1) A RETURN TO THE PREVIOUS MARCH 9-10 SCHEDULE AND (2) THAT WHEN THE EXERCISE MOVE INTO NUCLEAR PLAY, PORTUGAL WILL NOT BE INCLUDED. THE NATO PROTUGUESE AMBASSADOR AND PORTU-

GUESE ADMIRAL WHO IS DEPCOMIBERLANT CAN ENTER THE GAME LATER IF THEY SO WISH.

3. PANSAPPEARED AMENABLE TO THIS SUGGESTION, AND WILL HOLD A PRIVATE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M. TOMORROW, JANUARY 21, OF 13 PERMREPS TO PUT THE MATTER BEFORE THEM.

4. I IMAGINE HE WILL MEANWHILE TELEPHONE LUNS, WHO IS ON THE ISLAND OF IBIZA IN THE BALEARES, TO SEEK HIS REACTION.

5. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF ANY FALLBACK POSITION OR COMPROMISE.

6. THERE WAS SPECULATION AS TO WHETHER THE PORTUGUESE WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED LITTLE INTEREST HERE IN THE EXERCISE WILL NOT REFRAIN ENTIRELY FROM ANY PARTICIPATION IN IT.
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